

## CASE STUDY - LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

### *Immanuel College's Canopee Garden is More Than Just Greenery, It Is A Living Experience*

At Immanuel College in South Australia, learning doesn't stop at the classroom door. With the opening of the new Discovery Centre, the school sought to extend its educational philosophy into the gardens that surround it—creating a space that offered not only function, but wonder. In partnership with Urban Canopee, that vision took root and began to grow - literally.

Immanuel College



#### The Challenge

As part of the Discovery Centre's landscaping, the College needed a structure to shade garden seating areas - something functional, but also reflective of the natural world surrounding it. They weren't interested in a generic shelter; they wanted something organic, sculptural, and inspiring.

#### The Solution

A large Canopee was installed to bring both sculptural form and natural function to the Discovery Centre gardens. Its lightweight frame was installed with minimal disruption and supports a climbing plant, planted in September 2024. As the greenery begins to take hold, the Canopee is steadily transforming into a living canopy. Supported by a tailored maintenance plan, it's designed to grow with the seasons.

More than shade, it invites stillness, reflection, and gentle connection.

The Canopee has quietly become a part of the school's emotional landscape. The atmosphere it creates is hard to define, but easy to feel: calm, grounded, alive.

*"Many college staff and students have commented on the Canopee and have enjoyed sitting around under the*





**A Living  
Landmark**

**A Natural  
Gathering Spot**

**Growth in  
Motion**

**Blended Into  
School Life**

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## **Key Observations Following Urban Canopee's Solution**

Since the Canopee's installation, the space has quickly become a point of pride and presence on campus. Students have embraced it not only as a place to gather and relax, but as an expression of the school's values in physical form. Its evolving nature sparks curiosity and fosters quiet connection, offering something different with each season.



## Client Testimonial



*"The Canopee was the perfect solution - offering shade while bringing nature into the design of our Discovery Centre gardens. Since planting, it's become a well-used and much-admired feature, with students and staff regularly gathering beneath its growing canopy. We're grateful to the Urban Canopee team for their support and enthusiasm throughout the process."*

**Philip Worrall, Immanuel College**

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## More Canopee Structures in Schools



Kindergarden - Wimble St Parkville  
VIC



School- AIA - Coburg VIC



Mount St Joseph Girls College - Altona  
VIC

## Let's talk

Immanuel College's Canopee installation proves that even a single structure can transform a space and the way people feel within it.

If you're looking to bring life, beauty, and meaning into your school grounds, we offer a solution that grows with you.

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